

NOTICES

Services across the Team next week – 3rd October

9.30am	St Peter's	All-Age Worship for Harvest
9.30am	St James'	Harvest Parish Communion
9.30am	Motcombe	Harvest Parish Communion
11.15am	Enmore Green	Harvest Family Service
11.15am	Melbury Abbas	Harvest Service
11.15am	Margaret Marsh	Harvest Service

Collection at the Barn Service. £150 was sent to the Farming Community Network, who have sent a very nice acknowledgement.

A Scarecrow Festival is being held over the Harvest weekend: 2nd Oct, 10-4 & 3rd Oct, 10.30-4. The festival will be open to the public. Entry is free with donations to church funds. A soup lunch will be served in the Church Hall on Saturday from 12 noon, also for donations. If you would like to make a scarecrow, or can help with stewarding over the two days, please call Gill Stokes on 855753. If you can help with the lunch, please speak to Gill Hunt.

Harvest charitable giving The PCC has suggested that this year, due to the continuing crisis in Afghanistan, where children are without food and water, that we would support the UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children. They say that "The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated in recent months due to conflict with the political power shift, COVID-19 and drought. A staggering 1 in 2 children under five are expected to be acutely malnourished in 2021" There will be a separate collection basket for any donations that you would like to make, cheques can be made payable to PCC of St Peter's. Donations of food will be given to Open House.

Harvest Lunch Saturday 3rd October – this will be part of the Scarecrow festival. Food will be served from 12 noon in the Church Hall, Soup and a ploughman's lunch, for a donation to church funds.

The Art of Guitar: an Afternoon of Virtuoso Guitar Classics at Motcombe Church – Saturday 2nd October at 4.00pm with Afternoon Tea. Mark Jennings, classical guitarist, will play some of the finest music for Spanish and Classical guitar including works by Tarrega, Albeniz, Rodrigo, Villa-Lobos, and J.S. Bach. Tickets £12 to include Tea and are available from Gill Waine (851007) or Motcombe Shop.

St Peter's Christmas Lunch Also, bookings are being taken for King Alfred's Kitchen on Friday 10th December. Numbers need to be confirmed by the beginning of November so please let Emma know as soon as possible if you wish to book a place. More details and booking forms available from Emma: 01747 851894 emmasmith07@btinternet.com

The Team Office will be closed from 27th September – 1st October inclusive. Barbara apologizes that she has been in and out so much over September – everything landed in the same month! But she will be on duty from October right through until Christmas.

SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet



Sunday 26th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 James 5.13-20 Mark 9.38-50

Readers: Lisa South & Christine Mitchell Intercessor: Cas Wickenden

Sunday 3rd October – Harvest

9.30am All Age Worship for Harvest

Joel 2.21-27 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Matthew 6.25-33

Sunday 10th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31

Readers: Edred Bowman & Ida Bowman Intercessor: Margaret Mellor

If you are new to St Peter's or visiting today, please make yourself known to one of our team so that we might get to know you better.

The Diary

Please see our calendar on our website: ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters

Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion

September

26 th	3.00pm	Baptism of Clara Aviss
27 th – 1 st Oct		Team Office Closed
30 th		Scarecrow Festival set up

October

2 nd – 3 rd		Scarecrow Festival & soup lunch on Saturday -12 noon
4 th		Scarecrow Festival dismantle
9 th	7.30pm	Concert by songwriter, Helen Porter: <i>Unexpected Song</i>

Team Office is open:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am – 12 noon

Tuesday: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

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Items for the Team Pew Sheet should be emailed to the Team Office by 12 noon on Thursday

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading – Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Second Reading - James 5.13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone

among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel - Mark 9.38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Jill & Eric Sellgren, Barbara Skull, Tony Selwood, and for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them.

For those who have died.

For our community.

For the world: For all places where there is conflict and in particular for Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and the Middle East for peace and concern for all people.

For our link diocese of Lui in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. For their Bishop, Stephen and all who are part of God's church in that place.